GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:30
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RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY NCERT ON EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Steering Committee of NCERT has given their report on the existing education policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken to implement its recommendations;

(c) whether any change has been effected in the NCERT curriculum; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken to facilitate the students?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 30 BY SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI AND PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY NCERT ON EDUCATION DUE FOR ANSWER ON THE 26TH JULY.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The draft National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005 prepared by the National Steering Committee and approved by the Executive Committee of the NCERT includes the following salient features:-

(I) It is based on the following four guiding principles:-

(i) Connecting knowledge of life outside the school,

(ii) Ensuring that learning shifts away from rote methods,

(iii) Enriching the curriculum so that it goes beyond textbooks,

(iv) Making examinations more flexible.

(II)The NCF also focuses on the child as an active learner, thus giving primacy to the children's experiences, their voices and their participation. It views children as active participants in the construction of knowledge, and states that schools should recognize the innate ability and creativity of each child to construct his/her own knowledge.

(III) It recommends the softening of subject boundaries so that children can get a taste of integrated knowledge and joy of understanding.

(IV) It reaffirms faith in panchayati raj institutions to enable people to think, decide and act in their collective interest, to provide greater participation of people in development.

(V) It also makes a renewed attempt to implement the Three Language Formula, emphasizing mother tongue as a medium of instruction including tribal languages.

The draft NCF 2005 was discussed in the meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) held on the 7th June, 2005 wherein it was decided that the draft NCF needed more wide ranging consultations. State Governments were accordingly requested to initiate discussion among all stakeholders and convey their considered views to the CABE after which the draft will be discussed further and finalized in the next meeting of the CABE to be held in August 2005.